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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese document is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for non-English document JP 7-23226, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English-language abstract attached thereto, and to counterpart U.S. Patent 5,854,688.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

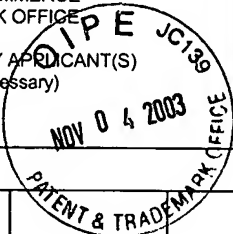


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		5,854,688	12/29/98	Fukuzawa	358	296	
		6,032,009	02/29/00	Fukuzawa et al.	399	198	
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		7-23226	1/24/95	Japan	H04N	1/409	Abst. & Counterpart U.S. Patent 5,854,688
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